



Forest Park School News

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Welcome back to everyone! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and having enjoyed the first month of the New Year. It was great to see everyone come back with so much energy. It was great to hear from students on what they did over the break.

As you all have heard, our reporting process this year has shifted and the first progress reports will be coming home February 2nd. Our district has moved from a model of 'reporting to parents' to 'communicating student learning with parents' on an ongoing basis throughout the year. This Progress Report is another form of communicating your child's learning and is a snapshot of his/her progress to date in relation to his/her current grade level. As always, please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you would like further information about your child's learning.

Each year, in all reports, there are always suggestions of ways to support your child's learning. Here are a couple additional suggestions that I am sure many of you already have in place but are always good to mention again:

- reading to or with them each night and talking about the books they are reading
- making sure there is a place and time to do homework, and
- connecting with their classroom teacher if there are any questions.

I know many of our families already do these things, and thank you for your support, just thought it is always good to be reminded of the importance of that involvement.

Looking forward to a great second half of the year, thank you again for all your support with your own child and within the Forest Park community.

Yours in education,
Mr. Larry Dean



PAC MEETINGS

The PAC monthly meetings are open to all parents of the Forest Park community. It is an excellent opportunity for parents to get involved in matters concerning educational issues and provide support to the programs and activities at the school. Parents new to the school community as well as parents who have not as yet become involved in this consultative committee process are encouraged to attend. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, February 13th**, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to our whole community for their incredible generosity once again. Before Christmas, we held a food drive and collected a large amount of non-perishable items to donate to the Loaves and Fishes for needy families over the holidays. Many families were able to receive food thanks to the generosity of our school. We would also like to thank the PAC for organizing all of their many fundraising events to support our school and community.

Thank you!



LIBRARY NEWS January 2018

The Grade 6/7's are learning the Dewey Decimal System and finding out where materials are in our Library.

The 4/5's are reading books and making social connections with various happenings lead by Ms. Bulmer. The 5/6's are working on social, emotional issues with reading and writing activities.

Family Literacy Month is January and beyond. The Library has sample modules of high interest stories and activities that families can do at home with their children. (These stories) are also in French, Chinese, Tagalog, and Arabic). Feel free to come in and look at the material and take some home.



INFORMATION ABOUT KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION: Centralized Registration Process:

To register your child in Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, the online, centralized registration began on **January 10, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time**. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. The following information will help determine if this process will apply to you. If your answer is yes to any of the following questions, you will register through the new online registration process:

- Is my child new to Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools?
- Do I have a child that will be turning five years old on or before December 31, 2018?
- Do I want to register my child in French Immersion?
- Do I want to register my child in Late French Immersion?

- Do I want to register my child at Departure Bay Eco-School?
- Do I want to register my child in secondary academies? (Hockey, Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Performing Arts or Jazz) o
- Do I want to apply for a school transfer request (out-of-catchment)?
- Before you begin, you will need the following:

1. A valid email address
2. Photo or scan showing proof of citizenship (ie. Birth certificate)
3. Photo or scan showing proof of Canadian residency (ie.:
4. Mortgage or bank statement, utility bill, driver's license, etc.)

Online registration began on **Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 8:00 am Early and Late French Immersion, and Departure Bay Eco-school students had until January 31, 2018 to register online**. Student selection will once again be determined by lottery, with parents being notified in early **February 2018**. New Academy, Out-of-Catchment and Out of District student registrations will be prioritized by date and time submitted online. **Deadline is March 31, 2018**. For more information please visit the district website or by emailing ereg@sd68.bc.ca.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Our weather has been quite inconsistent over the last few weeks with some days being quite warm and others quite cold. We do appreciate it when parents ensure that their child comes to school properly dressed for the West Coast type of climate. Students need, and many want, to be outdoors so that they can socialize, run, play and use up some of their excess energy after being indoors for long periods of time. They need boots, rain jackets, and

a hood or umbrella. It would be helpful if their outdoor clothing were labeled as well. Thank you for your support in this regard.

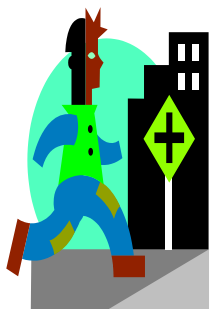
SAFE SCHOOL REMINDERS

Thank you for your support of this important safety information:

- Students are to arrive at school around 8:25 a.m. unless they have a specific meeting or practice. Supervision does not start until that time.
- Students are reminded to head straight for home after school and check in before going off to play unless there is a specific plan that has been made previously with parents.
- Personal cell phones are only permitted at school if parents require them for safety contact. They must be stored in children's backpacks or at the office. They may not be used during school time. Please remember the school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.
- Children are asked to play by the area of the school where direct supervision is provided. The front of the school and near the parking lot areas are unsafe and out of bounds for play.
- When you come to the school during the day, please always check in at the office before going to a classroom.

Thanks for your cooperation with these important safety concerns.

ROAD SENSE



We have additional concerns with road safety with students not using the designated crosswalks on Bowen Road. It has been brought to our attention by concerned motorists and local business owners, parents and staff that students are darting out into traffic rather than using the appropriate marked crosswalks.

Please remind your children of the dangers of running out into traffic and to only use the crosswalk when crossing any road.

ONGOING PARKING ISSUES

The parking issues around drop-off and pick-up continue to be a concern for many here at Forest Park. We all realize that there is not a lot of parking, however, we do need to make the best of what we have, please remember the following:



- Student safety is our number one concern, please drive slowly and watch carefully for students that may be walking out from behind a parked car.
- Please do not park at the front of the school where the curb is painted red or yellow, this is intended for drop-off or pick-up only - not a spot to stop and wait.
- Please be aware of the handicap parking spaces and respect that they are only for vehicles that are transporting individuals who need to have closer access to the building.
- Please be a 'good neighbour' and respect driveways and parking spaces of homes and businesses around our school.

Thank you for helping us to ensure the drop-off and pick-up is as smooth and safe as possible.

PLC DAYS

The staff at Forest Park have been busy during PLC days working on developing strong strategies that align with our school goals. Many of these strategies have already been implemented in classrooms and teachers feel they are helping improve student learning.

GRADE 7 RAFFLE:

Congratulations to Aileen Tuck for winning the Holiday Wreath Raffle. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket in support of our 2017/2018 Gr. 7's.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri, Feb 2 1:00 p,	Staff vs. Gr. 7 volleyball game
Mon., Feb. 12	Family Day - schools closed
Tues., Feb. 13	PAC mtg - 7 pm - Library
Fri., Feb. 16	Jump Rope for Heart Day
Mon, Feb. 19	Pro-d Day- students not in session
Tues., Feb. 20	Pro-d Day - students not in session
Fri., Feb. 23	Whole School "Read to Self"
Wed., Feb. 28	Pink Shirt - Anti-Bullying Day
Mon, Mar 5 th Term	Celebration Div.1,2,3 Bowling Brechin Lanes
Wed, Mar 7 th	Term 2 - Celebration Div 4, 5, 6 - Bowling Brechin Lanes
Fri, Mar 9 th	Term 2 Celebration - Div 7, 8, 9 Bowling Brechin Lanes
Mar. 9 Fri.,	Whole School Read to Self:
Mar. TBD	Term 2 Celebration - Div. 11 - 18 NAC Swimming
Mar. 13 PAC mtg -	Library - 7 pm
Mar. 16	Talent Show/Last day before Spring Break
Fri, Mar 30	Good Friday - No classes in session
Mon., Apr. 2	Easter Monday -No classes in session
Tue, Apr. 10 PAC mtg	Library - 7 pm
Fri, Apr. 13	Staff vs Students Basketball game
Fri., April 20	Earth Day
April 20	Neighbourhood Cleanup
Wed, Apr 25	Class Photo Day
Fri., Apr. 27	Whole School "Read to Self"

